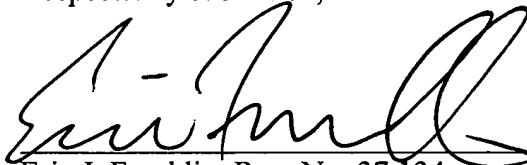


Remarks

Claims 1-20 and 22-24 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended the claims to delete multiple dependencies to reduce the filing fee. Applicants have also amended the claims to delete reference characters. The present invention is not limited to any particular embodiment shown in the drawings or described in the specification. Applicants have further amended the claims to bring their format more in line with standard U.S. format. Additionally, Applicants have added new claims 23 and 24 to recite subject matter covered by a multiple dependent claim. Applicants have amended the specification to insert reference to related applications. Applicant submits herewith on a separate sheet an abstract of the disclosure.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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